

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Brock Wayne Watson, et al.	§	ART UNIT: 3726
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SERIAL NO.:	10/517,755	§	EXAMINER:
		§	William P. Neuder
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		§	CONFIRMATION NO.: 1326
FOR:	Collapsible Expansion Cone	§	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, namely claims 1-33 and 39-49, with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement because the Examiner has issued the restriction requirement based on PCT Rules. The above-referenced application is a U.S. application, not a PCT application. Thus, for at least this reason, the restriction requirement is improper. Moreover, until the Examiner applies U.S. rules, Applicants are unable to respond to such a restriction requirement. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred in this application to Deposit Account No. 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C. Houston, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,



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